Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified application:

1 – 16. **(Canceled)**

17. **(Currently Amended)** A process for preparing a denture, comprising:

a) preparing a blank,

b) rough processing the blank by milling,

c) fine processing the blank by milling,

[[c)]] d) dense sintering the milled blank in a temperature range from 1200 to 1650°C,

the blank comprising a pre-sintered material and having a raw breaking resistance from 15 to 28 MPa.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 17, in which the blank has a raw breaking resistance of 23 to 28 MPa.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to one of claim 17 or 18, in which, during the milling of the blank, a tool of a processing machine operates at a speed of 5,000 to 40,000 rpm and a feed rate of 20 to 5,000 mm/min during the rough processing and a speed of 5,000 to 50,000 rpm and a feed rate of 20 to 5,000 mm/min during fine processing and in both rough processing and fine processing with a milling diameter of 0.8 to 4 mm.

20. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 17, in which the blank is processed from a side that contacts a tooth stump and from a side that does not contact a tooth stump.

21. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 17, the pre-sintered blank comprising a zircomium oxide or an aluminum oxide ceramic.

22-33. **(Canceled)**

34. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 17, in which the blank is made from a zirconium oxide ceramic, comprising:

(A) 91 to 98.45 wt.-% zirconium oxide,

(B) 0 to 3.5 wt.-% hafnium oxide,

(C) 1.5 to 6.0 wt.-% yttrium oxide,

(D) 0.05 to 0.50 wt.-% of at least one of the oxides of the elements aluminum, gallium, germanium, indium,

(E) 0 to 1.9 wt.-% coloring additives, calculated as oxides,

the wt.-% adding up to 100, the blank having a raw breaking resistance of 15 to 30 MPa, the milling steps c) and d) provide a shrinkage-matched, enlarged model of an end denture and the dense sintering step d) produces a denture of having the end dimensions of the enlarged model.

35. **(Previously Presented)** The process of claim 34 in which the milling to a shrinkage-matched, enlarged model of the end dentures is controlled by a CAD/CAM software.

36. **(Previously Presented)** The process of claim 34, in which the pre-sintered blank is acsthetically re-processed after the processing and densely sintered to the end dimensions of the enlarged model.

37. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 17, in which the pre-sintered material has been pre-sintered at a temperature of from 850 to 1000 °C.

38. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 17, in which the pre-sintered material has been pre-sintered at from 850 to 1000 °C for a period of from 0.5 to 4 hours.

39. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 34, in which the pre-sintered material has been pre-sintered at from 850 to 1000 °C for a period of from 0.5 to 4 hours.

40. **(Canceled)**